



TOWN OF CAMPTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Road Bans for seasonal "Thaw" Travel

New Hampshire municipalities can protect their roads by imposing weight restrictions via RSA 231:190 and RSA 231:191.

All roads in Campton will be "Posted" during the spring thaw for a maximum of 6 tons. Timing of postings will be up to the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent. Typical posting of roads should be expected no later than March 1 (first), depending on spring conditions and removed no earlier than May 1 (first).

Exceptions-

Exceptions may be granted for "any owner of land or a commercial enterprise served by such highway, who demonstrates that such limits would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, and who complies with all conditions and regulations concerning bonding and restoration, shall be granted an exemption unless the exemption would be detrimental to public safety." Furthermore, RSA 236:3-a creates an exception for heating fuel delivery vehicles, trucks delivering processed milk products, trucks carrying sap for maple syrup production, and septic pumper trucks and accompanying supply trucks. RSA 266:24 exempts "implements of husbandry" (farm equipment). Emergency fire fighting vehicles (RSA 266:19-a) and winter maintenance equipment that is owned, leased or rented by the state or any political subdivision of the state (RSA 266:21).

The Town will set the temperature of 25-degrees F, for a minimum of two consecutive days. (48 hours), before any weight restrictions can be lifted for any reason besides described above in RSA-236:3-a / RSA-266:19-a / RSA-266:21. The temperature will be taken at the Highway Department by the Road Agent or Highway Foreman. This will be the temperature the town will use for determination of lifting any weight limits.

Any vehicle or company given permission to access any posted road must be off said posted roads no later than 9:30 a.m.

If access needs to be granted for any vehicle or machine with the gross vehicle weight over 6 Tons (12,000 pounds) a waiver must be issue in writing, also a road bond may be required by the town.

Waivers can be received by the Road agent at the Highway department or the Town Hall and returned to the Road Agent for the Board of Selectmen approval. Waivers will be approved when appropriate and adhere to the guidelines set forth in the ordinance.

236:4 Penalty and Liability. –

Any person or legal entity who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). In addition, a person or company may be required to fix damages to the roadway at the satisfaction of the Road Agent and Selectboard.

Recourse for Damage to Road. A person who violates the weight limits, or the term of an exemption, is guilty of a “violation of a natural person, or a misdemeanor if a corporate or other entity.” RSA 231:191, VI. Criminal prosecution is required to enforce those penalties. In addition, anyone whose action damages the highway is liable for the cost of restoration of the highway (or may be required to restore it themselves) to a condition satisfactory to the person authorized to grant exemptions from weight limits. RSA 231:191, VI. However, the municipality cannot impose restoration costs on anybody without “reason to believe that the...damage...is attributable” to that person. RSA 231:191, IV

The Town ordinance will be enforced through a fee schedule set by the Selectmen, described Below

1st Offense of \$250.00

2nd Offense of \$500.00

3rd Offense of \$1000.00

Additions:

Inconsistent Provisions: If any provision of this ordinance differs from any existing Town ordinance or regulation, the provision which imposes the greater restriction or higher standards shall be controlling.

Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or part of this ordinance should be held invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions, which shall remain in full force and effect; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Selectmen, after a Public Hearing.

Hearing Date: December 2, 2024

Effective: December 17, 2024

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